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EAD Tours for ARNG Soldiers

The Army, the lead service for the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Program (GMD) has designated the Army National Guard as the Force Provider for GMD and validated this requirement through the Total Army Analysis process. This mission will involve the hiring of Title 10 and Title 32 soldiers to serve in various states in the GMD organization. An initial requirement is to have 18 ARNG soldiers support the GMD Test Bed in Colorado Springs, CO. The National Guard Bureau Missile Defense Division coordinated with the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (USASMDC) a one year Extended Active Duty (EAD) tour as an interim solution to support the GMD Test Bed until appropriate authorizations and funding can be resourced by HQ Department of the Army. Closing date for the announcement is 24 Oct 02 with a report date of 1 Dec 02. The announcement has been sent to state commands and can also be found on the following web sites: The Army National Guard at http://www.arng.army.mil/soldier_resources/title10/ and Virtual Armory at <http://www.virtualarmory.com>.

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Air National Guard Mobilization Survey

The Air National Guard will be conducting an ANG-wide survey to collect empirical data in three areas: the mobilization process; the sustainable level of effort that the ANG can plan to over the long term; and, quality of life issues associated with mobilization and today's high tempo. This data will be used to support ANG senior leadership decisions and shape ANG positions as the U.S. military adjusts to a post-September 11th security environment. The survey will also help respond to an Adjutant General Strategic Planning Committee chair request for better empirical analysis to support decision-making regarding tempo and level of participation. The web-based survey will be released in mid-October and will allow troops to provide anonymous feedback. Support for this survey is critical to ensure all leaders can make the best decisions for the Air National Guard to keep it ready, reliable, and relevant.

Colonel Allison Hickey, NGB-CFX, 703-607-1282

Changes in the NGB Homeland Security and Security and Civil Support Programs

NGB's Homeland Security and Civil Support Programs Offices have consolidated. Along with this change, the offices received new designations. NGB-HS will now be used in reference to the division chief, COL Jeff Mathis. NGB-HS-HSP connotes the Homeland Security Program, with Lt Col Bill Ryan as its Deputy. Lt Col Greg Wilmoth is Deputy for Civil Support Program, office symbol NGB-HS-CSP. All the contacts and phone numbers you have for the respective program's staff are valid. COL Mathis is aggressively restructuring and realigning the functions of his team, assuring they are poised for integrating new missions into Homeland Security. We look forward to keeping you updated as we continue to grow and change.

Ms Kathleen Heaton, NGB-HS-CSP, 703-607-0011

NGB-HS-CSP Prepares to Rollout a New Tool to Help CSTs Manage Data

The Operational Reporting System or (ORS) is a web-based application that operates on the Secret Internet Protocol Routable Network (SIPRNet). It will build and maintain a database to support the requirements for "near-real-time" (i.e., daily) CST capability reporting, using and adapting existing commercial off the shelf software. The servers for this application will reside in the Chief Technology Office (CTO) Data Center of the Army Knowledge Online (AKO) at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. This system will provide the required technical support and expertise in the areas of unit personnel, equipment and training for evaluation at all levels. Command staffs in individual states and NGB will have a "bird's eye view" of the daily readiness of CSTs. The system is scheduled for rollout in early October 02.

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Alaska National Guard Helps Break up Marijuana Grow Operation

Eight members of the Alaska National Guard's Counterdrug Support Program (AK-CD), in conjunction with a Counterdrug C-26 aircraft from Washington State, recently assisted the Alaska State Troopers in breaking up a major marijuana grow in Kasilof, Alaska. As a result of the Guard's assistance, State Troopers and federal agents served six drug search warrants, leading to the arrest of one person, the identification of seven suspects, and the seizure of 906 marijuana plants with a street value of over \$2.7 million. The arrests concluded a seven-month investigation into drug production and distribution on the Kenai Peninsula. In addition to the marijuana plants, troopers seized six pounds of processed marijuana, \$965 in cash, a 1999 Ford pickup, 19 light systems, and other pieces of growing equipment and drug paraphernalia.

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Continuing Resolution Authority Likely for Start of Fiscal Year 2003

While only time will tell for sure, Congressional overtures indicate that a CRA will be the funding authority starting the new fiscal year. This CRA may be short-term before passage of the Authorization and Appropriation Acts. However, it may also be possible that the Authorization and Appropriations Acts won't pass until early CY 2003.

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Conferences/Meetings/Hearings/Events

ANG Senior Leader Seminar, Crystal City VA, 30 September – 10 October

AGAUS NG Army Reserve/AUSA, Washington DC, 19-23 October

ANG Senior Leadership Conference, Denver, CO, 1-5 Dec